LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Original) A lens comprising:

a substrate;

a first dielectric layer comprising a high index dielectric material uniformly covering an outer surface of said substrate;

a second dielectric layer comprising a first low index dielectric material uniformly covering said first dielectric layer; and

a third dielectric layer comprising a second low index dielectric material gradiently covering only a portion of said second dielectric layer.

- 2. (Original) The lens according to claim 1, wherein said first low index dielectric material and said second low index dielectric material are the same or different materials.
- 3. (Original) The lens according to claim 1, wherein said high index dielectric material is Cr₂O₃.
- 4. (Original) The lens according to claim 1, wherein said third dielectric layer covers approximately one half of said second dielectric layer.
- 5. (Original) The lens according to claim 1, wherein third dielectric layer covers approximately a top half of said second dielectric layer when said lens is in its normal operating orientation.
- 6. (Original) The lens according to claim 1, wherein said first low index dielectric material comprises a material selected from the group consisting of SiO, SiO₂ and TiO₂.

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- 7. (Original) The lens according to claim 1, wherein said second low index dielectric material comprises a material selected from the group consisting of SiO, SiO₂ and TiO₂.
- 8. (Original) The lens according to claim 1, wherein said substrate is a material selected from the group of glass, plastic, CR39, polyamides, polycarbonate, polymethyl methacrylate, polyurethane, cellulosic polymers, and substrates of the same materials but incorporating a polarizing film into the body of the substrate or adherent to its surface.
- 9. (Original) The lens according to claim 1, wherein said lens is a sunglass lens for use in a pair of sunglasses.

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29. (Original) A lens adapted to be worn by a wearer, said lens comprising:

a substrate having an inner surface and an outer surface; and at least one dielectric layer deposited in a gradient thickness either directly or indirectly over said outer surface of said substrate;

wherein said dielectric layer does not cover said entire outer surface of said substrate when observed from the side of the lens opposed to the eyes of the wearer.

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